

Harpswell Conservation Commission  
Minutes for Meeting, Nov. 3, 2009  
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Burr Taylor, Ann Nemrow, Donald Jones, Deirdre Strachan ,  
Anne Perry., Tony Barrett

Guests: Carol Tukey (town planner), Jennifer VerPlanck(town resident).

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:05PM

Minutes of Oct 20, 2009 approved as amended. Moved by D. Strachan, seconded by A. Nemrow.  
Unanimous.

Announcements: Will meet with Recreation, Town Lands and CPIC on Nov. 9 at 3pm. Discussed background for easement resolution to be presented to selectmen. C. Tukey thought it best to look at the entire picture and not just conservation issue. Deadline to selectmen is 11/12. It was decided to submit the resolution only with maps and specific location of easement area to be defined after meetings with other boards and committees. Objective is to present at 2010 Town Meeting. A survey of the land should be done before the final draft of the easement is done. Need to show rationale for protecting some of the Long Reach Focus Area (Town Lands portion). Rob Bryan and Tulle Frazier may be able to assist in this area. Resolution wording adjusted and moved by A. Perry and seconded by D. Strachan. Unanimous. To Kristie by 11/6 for approval. Present only resolution and general map of area at 11/9 meeting, not Concom delination of easement.

Cedar Beach: D. Jones gave some background of issues. They are: legal public access to Cedar Beach Road, parking on Robin Hood Road and long term access to sandy section of Cedar Beach. He mentioned that he and M. Nahf had discussed the issues and thought it best to wait until selectmen had cleared their plate a bit and present to them in early 2010. Several other members thought it was not that complicated and could be brought forward to them now. M. Nahf to talk to J. Henderson re getting a legal opinion on the access easement to Cedar Beach Rd. If he says to proceed, we will draft a brief explanation of what issue(s) we would like a legal opinion on.

Wetlands: A. Nemrow has not received any feedback from the paper she sent in October on Wetlands, Why We Should Care. She will resend and members of Concom should reply to her prior to 11/17 meeting so it can be reviewed then. She will also resend the Lawn Care questions to contractors for comment.

Ann Perry's article on the Lawn Care Resolution signed by Selectmen on 10/29 is completed. M. Nahf will give to Kristi for approval prior to submission to the Anchor.

Web Page: B. Taylor to assist M. Nahf on lawncare brochure layout for website and set-up for Save Our Bay. F. Cantu will keep tri-fold flyer and sign-up sheet at recycling center as well as the pledge cards. Will also have some at Town Hall. It was decided to print about 500 on card stock. Costs incurred will be paid for out of C. Tukey's budget. A. Nemrow thought it would be a good idea to place an article in Town's spring bulletin to residents and will write the copy.

D. Strachan gave an update on the HHLT application to Maine Nat'l. Resource Conservation Program for Basin Cove property. Discussed the R. Bryan report that was sent to Concom members.

Adjourned at 4:40pm

D. Jones, sec'y.